ANSWER KEY WITH EXPLANATIONS

English Synonyms Vocabulary MCQ Test With Answers + PDF Exercise 6

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Explanations

1. Find the synonym of the following words.

Identify
✓ **D) recognize**
To **identify** someone or something means to **recognize** them: to know who or what they are. Example: **I recognized/identified him from his photo.**

2. Beg
✓ **B) implore**
To **beg** means to ask for something very strongly and seriously, which is what **implore** means. Example: **She implored him to stay.** Not **oblige**, which means to force someone to do something.

3. Spell
✓ **B) period**
Here **spell** means a short **period** of time. Example: **a spell of cold weather** means **a period of cold weather**.

4. Delight
✓ **B) joy**
Delight is a feeling of great happiness, so it means **joy**. **Sadness** and **gloom** are the opposite.

5. Genuine
✓ **D) authentic**
Genuine means real, not a copy, so it means **authentic**. **Fake**, **counterfeit** and **false** are the opposite.

6. Damage
✓ **D) ravage**
To **ravage** means to **damage** something badly. Example: **The storm ravaged the town. Mend** and **fix** are the opposite.

7. Use up
✓ **A) consume**
To **use up** something means to use all of it, which is what **consume** means. Example: **The car consumes/uses up a lot of fuel.**

8. Behavior
✓ **B) conduct**
Conduct as a noun means the way a person acts, which is their **behavior**. Example: **His conduct at school was excellent.**

9. Stationary
✓ **D) still**
Stationary means not moving, which is the same as **still**. Example: **The car was stationary at the lights.** Not **stationery**, which looks similar but means paper, pens and other writing materials.

10. Walk over
✓ **B) defeat**
To **walk over** someone (or **walk all over** them) means to **defeat** them easily. Example: **Our team walked over the visitors 5–0.**

11. Praise
✓ **B) commend**
To **commend** means to **praise** someone formally. Example: **She was commended for her bravery. Blame**, **censure** and **criticize** are the opposite.

12. Mystery
✓ **B) enigma**
An **enigma** is a **mystery**: something or someone that is hard to understand. Example: **His past remains an enigma.** Not **curious**, which is an adjective meaning wanting to know.

13. Stop
✓ **A) cease**
To **cease** is a formal word for **stop**. Example: **The rain ceased at noon.** Not **commence**, which means the opposite: start.

14. Respect
✓ **A) esteem**
Esteem means **respect** and admiration for someone. Example: **She is held in high esteem. Scorn** and **contempt** are the opposite.

15. Splendid
✓ **D) marvelous**
Splendid means very good or beautiful, which is the same as **marvelous**. **Terrible**, **dreadful** and **awful** are the opposite.

16. Exhausted
✓ **B) worn-out**
Exhausted means extremely tired, which is the same as **worn-out**. **Vigorous** (full of energy) is the opposite.

17. Sway
✓ **D) swing**
To **sway** means to move slowly from side to side, which is what **swing** means. Example: **The trees swayed in the wind.** Not **shudder**, which means to shake suddenly, for example from fear or cold.

18. **Widespread**
✓ **C) prevalent**
Widespread means existing in many places or among many people, which is the same as **prevalent**. Example: **The disease is prevalent in hot countries. Infrequent**, **scarce** and **rare** are the opposite.

19. **Defect**
✓ **D) fault**
A **defect** is a **fault**: something wrong with a thing. Example: **The car had a defect in its brakes.**

20. **Force**
✓ **A) oblige**
To **oblige** someone means to **force** them to do something. Example: **The law obliges drivers to wear seat belts.** Not **halt**, which means stop.

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